

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for refreshing an on-going electronic auction at a server, comprising the steps of:
determining that an auction parameter generated by a sponsor of the auction parameters have has been changed while the auction is on-going; and
automatically refreshing ~~a copy~~ a representation of the auction at a browser of an auction participant if it is determined that an auction parameter has been changed.
2. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises determining if an indicator has been set at the ~~auction server side~~ to indicate that an auction parameter has changed.
3. (Original) The method as defined in claim 2, wherein the indicator determining step comprises refreshing an updater object; and determining if the value in the refreshed updater object indicates that an auction parameter has changed.
4. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises receiving a communication from the ~~auction server side~~ indicating that an auction parameter has changed.
5. (Currently Amended) The method as defined in claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein the determining step comprises the step of determining if the communication is from an authorized party.
6. (Original) The method as defined in claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying a notice that web page content has been changed.

7. (Withdrawn) A method for conducting an electronic auction, comprising the steps of:

during an on-going electronic auction session, updating the auction with a changed auction parameter; and
creating an indication of an updated auction.

8. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in claim 7, wherein the creating an indication step comprises setting an update value to indicate a changed parameter.

9. (Withdrawn) The method as defined in claim 7, wherein the creating an indication step comprises sending a communication indicating an updated auction parameter to auction participants.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for conducting an electronic auction, comprising the steps of:

during an on-going electronic auction session, updating the auction with a changed auction parameter; and
periodically refreshing an auction web page at a browser of an auction participant.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having computer readable code embodied on a computer readable medium that when executed by a computing system refreshes an on-going electronic auction, the computer readable code comprising: ~~containing machine-readable programming code for causing a machine to perform the following method steps to refresh an on-going electronic auction:~~

code for determining that an auction parameter generated by a sponsor of the auction has been changed while the auction is on-going; and

code for automatically refreshing a copy representation of the auction at a browser of an auction participant if it is determined that an auction parameter has been changed.

12. (Currently Amended) The program product as defined in claim 11, wherein the code for the determining ~~step~~ comprises code for determining if an indicator has been set at the ~~auction server side~~ to indicate that an auction parameter has changed.

13. (Currently Amended) The program product as defined in claim 12, wherein the code for ~~the determining if the indicator has been set~~ ~~determining step~~ comprises code for refreshing an updater object; and determining if the value in the refreshed updater object indicates that an auction parameter has changed.

14. (Currently Amended) The program product as defined in claim 11, wherein the code for ~~the determining step~~ comprises code for receiving a communication from the ~~auction server side~~ indicating that an auction parameter has changed.

15. (Currently Amended) The program product as defined in claim ~~11~~ 14, wherein the code for ~~the determining step~~ comprises code for determining if the communication is from an authorized party.

16. (Currently Amended) The program product as defined in claim 11, further comprising code for ~~performing the step of~~ displaying a notice that web page content has been changed.

17. (Withdrawn) A program product containing machine readable program code for causing a machine to perform the following steps to conduct an electronic auction:

during an on-going electronic auction session, updating the auction with a changed auction parameter; and
creating an indication of an updated auction.

18. (Withdrawn) The program product as defined in claim 17, wherein the code for creating an indication step comprises code for setting an update value to indicate a changed parameter.

19. (Withdrawn) The program product as defined in claim 18, wherein the code for creating an indication comprises code for sending a communication indicating an updated auction parameter to auction participants.

20. (Withdrawn) A program product containing machine readable for causing a machine to perform the following method steps to conduct an electronic auction:

during an on-going electronic auction session, updating the auction with a changed auction parameter; and

periodically refreshing an auction web page at a browser of an auction participant.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for refreshing an on-going electronic auction, comprising:

a component for determining that an auction parameter generated by a sponsor of the auction has been changed while the auction is on-going; and

a component for automatically refreshing a ~~copy~~ representation of the auction at a browser of an auction participant if it is determined that an auction parameter has been changed.

22. (Withdrawn) A system for conducting an electronic auction, comprising:

a component for, during an on-going electronic auction session, updating the auction with a changed auction parameter; and

a component for creating an indication of an updated auction.

23. (Withdrawn) A system for conducting an electronic auction, comprising:

a component for, during an on-going electronic auction session, updating the auction with a changed auction parameter; and

a component for periodically refreshing an auction web page at a browser of an auction participant.

24. (New) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the auction parameter does not include a winning bid information based on bids received from participants in the auction.

25. (New) The computer program product as defined in claim 11, wherein the auction parameter does not include a winning bid information based on bids received from participants in the auction.

26. (New) The system as defined in claim 21, wherein the auction parameter does not include a winning bid information based on bids received from participants in the auction.